

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A floor covering, comprising:
 an elastomer material having a textured surface including a plurality of unevenly distributed ~~reliefs~~ elevations,
 wherein each of the plurality of ~~reliefs~~ elevations partially overlap one another and have a rectangular shape with rounded corners, and
 wherein the ~~reliefs~~ elevations have edge lengths of between 1.2 mm and 6 mm and heights of between 0.01 mm and 0.1 mm.

Claim 2 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the edge lengths are between 1.3 and 3.6 mm, at the heights are between 0.02 and 0.05 mm.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of ~~reliefs~~ elevations is overlapped by not more than two other of the plurality of ~~reliefs~~ elevations.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the rectangular shapes of the ~~reliefs~~ elevations vary.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the heights of the ~~reliefs~~ elevations conform to one another.

Claim 6 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the edge lengths vary.

Claim 7 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the elastomer material

is made up of individual, repeating surface area units.

Claim 8 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the elastomer material is a single-layer material.

Claim 9 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the elastomer material has a thickness of 2 mm to 5 mm.

Claim 10 (original): The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the elastomer material has a thickness of 2.5 mm to 4 mm.